# MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND OF CHICAGO MINUTES OF INVESTMENT MEETING 2017-03-01 MARCH 9, 2017

An Investment Meeting of the Retirement Board of the Municipal Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago was held in the offices of the Fund on March 9, 2017 at 9:08 a.m. to hear information regarding the Fund's current allocation to Hedge Funds and hear presentations from Managers that submitted proposals in response to the Fund's Request For Proposal ("RFP") for Hedge Fund Managers.

#### Roll call:

Trustee Guest Present
Trustee Johnson Present
Trustee Keane Present
Trustee McMahon Present
Trustee Summers Present

### A quorum was present.

The following staff and consultants were present: James Mohler, Executive Director, Juan Lopez, Jr. Investment Officer, Steve Yoon, Investment Analyst, Sarah Boeckman, Attorney, Burke, Burns & Pinelli, Jamie Wesner, Marquette Associates, Neil Capps, Marquette Associates and Nat Kellogg, Marquette Associates.

Mr. Lopez opened the meeting by summarizing the Fund's RFP and presenting general information regarding the RFP respondents. Mr. Wesner discussed the Fund's current Hedge Fund Managers and reviewed the impact the investments have on the Fund's returns. Mr. Kellogg further reviewed the RFP responses of the individual managers and briefly discussed their respective investment philosophies.

The following firms and representatives presented:

Goldman Sachs Asset Management – Joe Hernandez, Senior Relationship Manager

Christopher Lvoff, Portfolio Manager E. Ashton Alexander, Portfolio Manager

Neuberger Berman – Doug Kramer, Co-Head, Quantitative & Multi-

**Asset Class Investments** 

Julian Bostic, Senior Vice President, Institutional

Client Group

Gateway Investment Advisors – Michael Buckius, Chief Investment Officer

Colin Allen, Managing Regional Director

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Parametric Portfolio Associates - Jay Strohmaier, Managing Director

Greg Baranivsky, Director, Institutional

Relationships

Following the presentations, on a motion by Trustee Summers, the Board went into closed session at 12:14 p.m. in accordance with Section 2(c)(7) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the sale or purchase of investment contracts. <u>5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7)</u>. Seconded by Trustee McMahon.

## Roll Call

Trustee Guest Aye
Trustee Johnson Aye
Trustee Keane Aye
Trustee Summers Aye
Trustee McMahon Aye

Motion carried.

The Board moved into open session at 12:32 p.m. on a motion by Trustee Summers, Seconded by Trustee Johnson. Carried by a unanimous voice vote.

In open session after discussion with Fund staff and the Investment Consultant, Trustee Summers made a motion to invest \$50 million with Neuberger Berman and \$50 million with Parametric Portfolio Associated pending successful contract negotiations with Fund staff, Legal Counsel and the Executive Director. Seconded by Trustee McMahon.

On a motion by Trustee Summers, the Board went into closed session at 12:35 p.m. in accordance with Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss employment matters of specific personnel. Seconded by Trustee Johnson.

#### Roll Call

Trustee Guest Aye
Trustee Johnson Aye
Trustee Keane Aye
Trustee Summers Aye
Trustee McMahon Aye

Motion carried.

The Board moved into open session at 12:50 p.m. by a motion by Trustee Summers, Seconded by Trustee Johnson. Carried by a unanimous voice vote.

There being no further business before the Board, Trustee McMahon made a motion to adjourn the Investment Meeting at 12:50 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Johnson. Carried by a unanimous voice vote.